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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Parthasarathy et al.  
Filed : September 7, 1999  
For : CODE MAPPING IN A TRELLIS DECODER  
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Examiner : Edith M. Chang

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 12, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks. A petition for a two-month extension of the term for response to the Official Action, to and including May 12, 2004, is also transmitted herewith.

**Listing to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.